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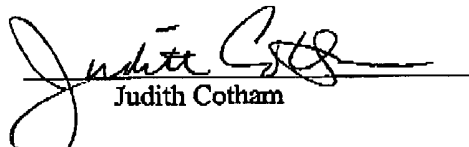
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed May 14, 2004, please consider the following supplemental remarks. It is noted that the Office Communication makes reference to an attached Notice to Comply; however, no such Notice to Comply was attached to the Office Communication.

**I. DOUBLE PATENTING**

Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 18-20 were rejected as allegedly being obvious over claims 12-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,232,075. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner hold this rejection in abeyance until all the subject matter of the present invention is in condition for allowance. At that time, Applicants will take the necessary steps to obviate the double patenting rejection by filing a Terminal Disclaimer.

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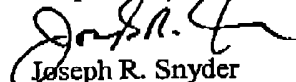
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## II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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